

REMARKS

In response to the above-identified Advisory Action, Applicant amends the claims to place the claims in better condition for appeal. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 5, 8-13, 15-22, 24 and 26-27 are pending.

Applicant respectfully submits the amendments place the claims in better condition for appeal. In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments do not require a new search, raise new matter issues, or present additional claims since the elements amended into claim 1 are similar to elements recited in claim 22, which have been addressed by the Examiner in the rejection of claim 22. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending are now in better condition for appeal. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Questions regarding this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

Respectfully submitted,

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